

CAST.IRON

Membership Application

Name.....

Business/Organisation Name.....

Address.....

Tel.....Fax.....

Email.....

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

- ☐ Individual £10
- ☐ Household £20
(Two partners in same household with or without children)
- ☐ Pensioners, Unwaged £5 ☐ Corporate £40
- ☐ Non-corporate £30 (Parish Councils, environmental groups etc.)

Every penny of membership income will be put towards **CAST.IRON** work. The names of those who 'join up' will be recorded and we will contact you in due course with details of future member benefits. We hope that everyone will want to be a member because you are already a member of the community and **CAST.IRON** is working for YOU!

DONATIONS

Membership fees will give us a working fund but the major work will rely on donations and other fund raising. Please donate as much as you can.

Donation £.....

Cheque total enclosed £.....

Cheques payable to **CAST.IRON**

If you have access to email, please join these groups:

Email announcements site:

www.chlark.greenend.org.uk/maillman/listinfo/castiron-announce

General email discussion site:

www.chlark.greenend.org.uk/maillman/listinfo/castiron-discuss

Otherwise ...

Postal information and updates, tick here ☐

Fax information and updates, tick here ☐

We urgently need volunteers – can you help?

What skills, experience or professional input can you provide?

(Use a separate sheet if necessary).....

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Stations to be served:

Places marked with an asterisk are potential locations for new stations.

Cambridge Station – Barnwell* – Chesterton* –
Science Park* – Regional College* – Impington
Post House* – Histon (Bishops) –
Histon North* – Oakington/Westwick –
Longstanton/Willingham – Over (Longstanton Rd.)*
– Swavesey – Fen Drayton* – St Ives (Parkway)

Stations to Huntingdon will depend on the route of the new line although parts of the former track bed are still available.



We need you to join us now!

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We need you ... join us NOW!

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The Cambridge And St Ives Railway Organisation

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Did you know?

The railway exists and is intact from its junction with the national network at Chesterton as far as Fen Drayton.

The remaining few miles of trackbed as far as the St Ives by-pass are reserved for railway use.

Network Rail owns the line – it does not belong to the County Council.

Subject to clearing vegetation, repairing track and statutory and safety issues, **trains can run on the line again.**

Government, Local Authority or Railway Company money is not needed to achieve this.

How can it be done?

With volunteer help, fund-raising and a share offer, **we** – the residents, businesses and other stakeholders who stand to benefit from the resumption of rail services – can purchase the line and **DO IT OURSELVES!**

CAST.IRON – your community railway

The purpose of **CAST.IRON** is to reinstate rail services from Cambridge to Huntingdon on the East Coast Main Line and to electrify it to provide far quicker and more varied journey possibilities for passengers – including cyclists – and freight.

The section from St Ives to Huntingdon may be some years off but anyone with a vision of the future can see that it will become essential.

We **MUST** protect this line from the guided bus proposals and the best way to achieve this is to start running trains on it!

We will do this in realistic stages, starting with Cambridge Science Park to Swavesey. Then, as quickly as possible, we will re-lay track to St Ives and re-establish the route over Milton Road and into Cambridge Station.

CAST.IRON expects to provide connecting buses at both ends of the line until it is completed end-to-end.

CAST.IRON has been formed to raise funds for this project.

In a short time, a Train Operating Company will be formed and further funds raised through a share issue.

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*This leaflet has been produced with help from Railfuture
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The guided bus proposals have been costed at over £81 million. This does not include road works on the non-guided sections, cycle paths, work on the Hills Road Bridge or the buses themselves!

The guided bus cannot possibly run before 2007 at the very earliest.

It will require much more land than the rail solution. For example, approximately half of the 'Bishops Hardware' car park in Histon will be compulsorily purchased.

The guided bus scheme will require concrete and tarmac, which will be an environmental disaster. Wildlife routes and habitat will be destroyed.

Railway lands provide havens for wildlife.

Arthur Henderson, the inventor of the guided bus, lives and works in Cambridge and has told us, "The guided bus is unsuitable for long or short term solutions for Cambridge-Huntingdon".

The **CAST.IRON** proposals have so far received 100% support from all respondents with a firm offer from a private individual of £100,000.

CAST.IRON PASSENGER SERVICES CAN BE RUNNING WITHIN TWO YEARS AT AN INITIAL COST OF AROUND £2 MILLION.

The more help you can provide, the quicker we can restore train services between Cambridge and St Ives. As soon as this is achieved, the demand to restore and electrify the line to Huntingdon will become overwhelming.

An electrified line to Huntingdon would provide a much quicker journey between Cambridge and Peterborough; through journeys to London; faster, electric services to and from Stansted Airport and a more direct route for the East-West rail project.

Join us today! www.castiron.org.uk

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

This form will fit in a standard window envelope.

We will not be setting up a Freepost address so please affix postage. We want every penny to go towards returning trains to the railway.

A photocopy is acceptable.

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